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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION (CPA)

*Filing Date Granted*

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on 12/13/98 is entitled to a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1). The CPA request, however, lacks the filing fee(s) and/or items indicated below.

**Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file the fee(s), item(s), and any surcharge required below to avoid abandonment of this CPA.** Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**The total amount owed by applicant is the sum of items 1(a) or (b), 2, and 3 (if checked) below.**

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☒ missing  
☐ insufficient.

(a) Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and the \$130.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) (non-small entity), or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and file a small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 claiming such status (if the prior application was entitled to small entity status and such status is still proper and desired, a new small entity statement is **not** required (37 CFR 1.28)).

(b) Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

☐ 2. Additional claim fees of

\$ 238 (non-small entity) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (small entity) for 3 independent claims over 3.  
\$ 648 (non-small entity) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (small entity) for 30 claims over 20.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (non-small entity) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (small entity) for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

*Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.*

☐ 3. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 4. The CPA request is unsigned. Applicant must file a signed duplicate or ratification of the CPA request.

☐ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this Notice MUST be returned with the reply.**

Direct the reply and any questions about this Notice to:

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